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of the Stockholders of the Bloomfield Publishing Company will be held in their rooms over the Post Office on Monday evening, the 21st inst. Polls open from five to eight o'clock for the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business pertaining to the Company.
WM. A. BALDWIN, Secretary.
Bloomfield, April 5, 1884.

NEWS SUMMARY.

County.—Rev. Dr. Spellmeyer has returned to Newark; he preached last Sunday to crowded congregations in the Central M. E. Church, and in the Third Presbyterian Church, Newark, Tuesday evening last. Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in Newark Tuesday. Wednesday morning the will of Chisholm came up and was set aside for trial April 21st. Wednesday afternoon Republican District Convention in Academy of Music, Newark. Rev. S. I. Dr. Baldwin will remain in Newark, and not go to Paterson as announced last week. At a meeting of Newark gentlemen the whipping-post is decided to be the only remedy for wife beating. Wm. A. Hall, the defaulter, has been taken to Trenton to serve out his sentence of twelve years. In the Court of Common Pleas considerable opposition has been made to many of the applications for licenses in the Towns of Bloomfield, Montclair, Orange and other places.

ABOUT TOWN.

The African M. E. Church Conference has been in session in Newark during the past week.
Mr. Robt. M. Stiles started for Atlanta, Ga., on Thursday. He expects to spend several weeks in that section.
The Water Company is making preparations to resume the work of laying the street mains. Parties intending to introduce the water into their houses should make early application.
Mr. R. Napier Anderson and family have returned to Bloomfield. The gay and festive city has no charms for friend A., to be compared with the quiet and peaceful pursuits of the agriculturist.
At a meeting of the Democratic voters of Bloomfield, on Thursday evening, called for the purpose of electing a member for the County Committee for two years, Mr. Joseph Carter was unanimously chosen.
The high winds last Saturday made it necessary to add two large beams to the support of Mr. Theo. Cadmus' carpenter shop. Last week, Monday, this building barely escaped destruction by fire. Is the shop doomed?
W. S. Pierson Post No. 58, G. A. R., are making extensive preparations for their Invitation Ball on Monday evening in Dodd's New Hall. Music will be furnished by T. J. Vincenty. A collation will be served during the evening.
A Lawn Tennis Club has been organized by some of our wide-awake young men, and the courts, five in number, are now being graded. The grounds are located on the new Clark Street extension, between Bloomfield Avenue and the brook.
R. E. Heckel & Sons have moved into their new building, where they will be pleased to see their friends. The main room is 19x50, with an office in the rear. It has telephone connections, gas, and other conveniences. Necessary for the transaction of a first-class business. An improved vegetable pan will be sold by a small spray of water as soon as connections can be made with the street main.
At the Saturday Afternoon Session of the Essex County Teachers' Institute, a vote was taken on three questions relating to corporal punishments. One hundred and nine teachers voted. To the first question, Do you resort to corporal punishment in your school? One hundred and nine voted "Yes." How do you think the best results can be attained in teaching with or without corporal punishment? was the next question, and fifteen answered "With corporal punishment." The last question was, Would you think it wise for the Legislature to repeal that portion of the law prohibiting corporal punishment? Sixteen thought that it should be repealed.

Reform is the order of the day, and the Montclair comes to the front with a "Revenue Reform Club," which "is canvassing the State for the purpose of organizing a State League to promote tariff reform." Mr. E. B. Goodell is the corresponding Secretary. This is a clear case of the tail trying to wag the dog; the tail is ready and has begun to wag, but the dog has got to be tamed before any serious wagging can be done. The circular now before us does not state what the platform of the Club may be. Nor why Montclair's revenue is so reforming. What Tariff is it? Is it too high or too low? We ask these questions on behalf of the paralyzed shipping, manufactures and commercial interests of Montclair!

BROOKDALE.
Mr. William Day, a painter formerly residing in Bloomfield, was arrested March 25th on a charge of bigamy preferred by his wife, Mary Day, to whom he was married some thirteen years ago in this town. Last fall he went to Port Jervis, where he became acquainted with Caroline Seales, with whom he became very intimate, both parties affirming they were married. At the trial, however, they denied that they were married, and as no proof could be found of the second marriage, the charge of bigamy was not sustained, and he was discharged. The evidence brought out in the trial gives Mrs. Day ample grounds for a divorce, should she desire it.
A foreigner, name unknown, quietly entered the house of Joseph Heinz, of Brookdale, on Wednesday, at about one o'clock P. M. He went into a general search, it is supposed, for money, ransacking bureau-drawers and a clothes closet, and was just leaving the premises when discovered by Mr. Heinz; he was overtaken near the county line, and by the persuasive use of a fence picket he was brought back to Squire Day's office, who learned that he had got a good dinner by frightening an aged woman before he investigated Mr. Heinz' premises; and as the Squire did not think a bureau drawer was a promising place to look for farm work, he was committed to the kind care of Colonel Johnson, trusting that Judge McCarter will understand his eccentric movements and furnish him more knowledge of our Jersey ways of seeking employment.

MONTCLAIR.
Quite a number of changes are taking place among the business firms in town. Two new hardware stores are to be opened, and at present there are only two unoccupied stores on Bloomfield Avenue.
The Montclair Reform Club opened their new club-house on Monday afternoon last. The house was opened (tempting the evening to the public and is immediately the M. R. C. C. with the Temperance Cadet Co. with Clark's Brass Band of Newark. A well, after a torch-light procession through some of the streets. After a visit to the building, refreshments were served at Montclair Hall. The work through the club has not been permitted to drag along, the chairman has added new names to the Club roll and the subscription list.
The new quarters for the Montclair H. & L. & Chemical Co. No. 1, on Bloomfield Ave., near the corner of Valley Road, are rapidly approaching completion; the building is 20x50 feet, and is to have two sets of double doors, so that either the Truck or Chemical can respond to a summons. A room, 12x20 feet, is to be furnished as a meeting room, and an effort will be made to furnish it as soon as finished. Why don't Essex send a photo of their machine? The Chemical is being painted, and finished up to correspond with the Truck, and it is hoped that by Saturday, the 19th, they will be in trim, with Truck and Chemical ready to go, and in the new quarters. The bridges for the departing are expected this week, and all members are to wear their uniforms at fires.

Republican Executive Committee.
The Executive Committee of the recently organized Republican Club met in Upper Library Hall on Saturday evening. About twenty gentlemen were present. The Committee was organized by electing Mr. John A. Bolson permanent Chairman, Mr. Henry J. Dodd Treasurer, and Mr. M. M. Jones Secretary. The following standing Committees were appointed:
Governing Committee.—The officers of the Club, a majority of whom shall have power to convene the Executive Committee.
Committee on Rules.—A. R. Brewer, J. B. Beard, W. R. Weeks.
Finance Committee.—John Newton, W. Sutton, John F. Folsom, N. H. Dodd, G. T. Moore, James P. Jones, M. Colfax.
Canvassing Committee.—J. B. Beard, J. M. Bancroft, G. A. Wheeler, W. A. Baldwin, M. A. Daily, M. W. Jones, Lewis K. Dodd.
Committee on Speakers' Meetings, etc.—W. S. Freeman, J. F. Folsom, W. R. Weeks.

A list of names of proposed delegates to the conventions was then selected, and a resolution was passed that these names be printed and presented at the Republican Primary with the recommendation of the Committee. (The Primary was held last Monday, and resulted, as is noted elsewhere, in the election of the Committee's ticket.)
Republican Primary.
The Republican Primary meeting held in Upper Library Hall Monday evening, was for the election of four delegates to the District Convention (held in Newark Wednesday the 9th) and four delegates to the State Convention, to be held in Trenton, April 17th. M. John Folsom was chosen Chairman, and M. W. Jones Secretary. The gentlemen recommended by the Executive Committee of the Republican Club were nominated, and were elected without opposition. The names of the delegates are as follows:
State Convention: Thomas McGowan, W. R. Weeks, Thomas Oakes, Jas. C. Beach.
District Convention: G. T. Moore, Wm. A. Baldwin, John Sherman, Walter S. Freeman.
The meeting was well attended, fifty-two votes being cast.

The Future of Library Hall.
An adjourned meeting of citizens interested in the above subject was held Tuesday evening, as announced last week. The night was stormy and but a small number were present. Mr. Henry B. Sheldon was chosen Chairman and Mr. D. G. Garabrant, Secretary. The present condition, future prospects and capabilities of the property were very fully discussed, and the conclusion arrived at was that under the plan proposed, the property might be made an ornament to the town instead of an eyesore as at present; its barn like auditorium be made as warm, cozy, attractive and comfortable a place for entertainments as may be found in the State of New Jersey; and lastly that it might be made a perfectly safe and profitable investment for capital. The plan in the main is as mentioned in our last issue. A Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. C. Beach, J. N. Jarvie, Sherman, Garabrant and Newton, was appointed to prepare a prospectus and to secure subscriptions for the immediate purchase, for cash, of the property; this done, a new company will be organized, on a solid basis, and the work of improvement be undertaken. Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 was subscribed by a few of the gentlemen present, as a starter.

Work of the Reform Club.

The meeting of the Reform Club a week ago Friday night was largely attended. Forty-six new names were added to the active membership of the Club. Earnest words in favor of different features of the Temperance work were spoken by a number of gentlemen. Extracts of letters from Mr. Mabey were read. The Club has taken possession of its New Hall, which was opened for its use on Monday night. The room is bright, cheerful and attractive, and will be an excellent "headquarters" for the Temperance workers of Bloomfield. The W. C. T. U. has been offered the use of the room for its meetings, and has accepted the invitation. The room will soon be dedicated with appropriate services. Mr. Charles W. Maxfield gave a characteristically earnest and able address to the Club last evening. He is an experienced Temperance worker, having had prominent part in the Gospel Temperance work carried on in the Baptist Church, during five years past.

The officers of the Club were invited to attend the great Temperance rally at Montclair last Monday night. The occasion was one of great enthusiasm and interest. The Club is doing effective work in dealing with unlicensed drinking places in our village, and in preventing the granting of licenses. It is asserted that out of the over thirty saloons in Bloomfield, twenty have been doing business without license, and it is charged that some licenses have been obtained through fraudulent use of names. No law-abiding citizen, whether Temperance worker or not, can be content to allow such things to pass.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting in the Baptist Church, addresses were made by Mr. Wm. Souther, of Newark, and Dr. Charles E. Knox, of Bloomfield. The former gave an account of his reformation from a life of intemperance. He said: I am a trophy of the wonderful Temperance work. I was so far gone in evil that even my wife was hopeless of me. Other Temperance societies tried to help me, but their arm was not long enough nor their sympathy deep enough; but the Gospel Temperance work reached me, I was saved soon after being released from jail, where I had been imprisoned for drunkenness. Christian women of the Temperance Union were the means of my salvation. The only way to save the poor inebriate is to bring him to Jesus. The law may act as a preventive, but the Gospel must save the drunkard.

Dr. Knox was a man with deep insight. He remarked that he was glad to identify himself with the Reform movement. It embodied the power of sympathy. He gave an illustration of this power that he had read in a Roman Catholic book. He said that a movement which reaches out a hand and a heart to help the struggling was worthy of the hearty support of all good people. Let not those who have no temptations think that they are any better than others. Never before in Bloomfield was there so strong a Temperance movement as that now witnessed. We want to see the Reform Club take the initiative in the Temperance work. If they cannot join the Reform Club let them invent, if needs be, some other plan. Men need religious help. In closing Dr. Knox cited an instance of the power of indirect influence.

There was an enthusiastic and deeply interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Methodist Chapel Thursday P. M. from 7 to 9 o'clock. The first hour was occupied by Mrs. Denby, of Montclair, who gave an inspiring Bible reading. Mrs. Brown, of New York, spoke in a very effective manner of "The Fruit of the Lips." Mrs. Hammer, of Newark, addressed the ladies in good cheer to the Temperance cause. Her address was very pertinent at this meeting were impressed with the depth of religious earnestness that pervaded the minds of Temperance women. The meeting gave promise of good results.

The Question of Licenses in Bloomfield.
On Thursday last a large delegation from Bloomfield assembled in the Court-House at Newark to hear the opposition made against granting a license. An application for which were offered in the Court of Common Pleas at the first day of the term.

For lack of sufficient evidence, the objections to the licenses of Adam Metz, John Gee, and Chas. Meinhardt were withdrawn, and the Court also granted licenses to Alicea Kelley and Frank Cruse. The applications of Patrick Convey and Richard Chapman were withdrawn, on the decision of the Court on those of Benj. Mortimer, W. E. Barnes, Louis Schaub, and Wm. Erb was reserved. In addition to these there are the hotels of Peter Geib, Amelia Schilling, Wm. J. Raab, and Timothy Hallinan, the saloons of John Robinson and Herman Thierfelder, whose licenses expired September 1, 1884, and the saloon of Gottfried Kurz, whose license will expire December 1, 1884.

There were also thirteen saloons in our town which pay no license. Some of the facts brought to light in connection with the method of procuring signatures would undoubtedly surprise and disgust most of our citizens, and it shows conclusively that these matters should hereafter receive thorough investigation. It was the intention to publish the names of signers to these applications, but as some proved to be forgeries, and a number of signers have given their word of honor that they will not sign in the future, we withhold their names from the public, and hope that the list which we shall publish for the next term will contain only the names of those who little value the respect of their fellow citizens.

Rum Must Go.
To the Bloomfield Citizen:
I was much pleased in attending the recent meetings of those earnest workers, Messrs. Mabey and English. My pulse beat strong and high under the strains of that stirring hymn "Hold the Fort." I trust we will hold the Fort of Temperance, not stopping there; no holiday parade, but with forces well in hand make a charge on and capture the forts of our enemies; let us be active in charging all along the line shoulder to shoulder, and not call upon the Township Committee to do what is ours to do. Rum must go, and when it does, we want to wear the laurels won by our efforts, and then we can sing, with a fuller and loftier strain,
HOLD THE FORT.

BALLOTS.

Though beauty's smile may be in vain,
And love and kisses wasted,
He'll surely fall a prey, who has
The charm of Taffy tasted.
It wakes man's latent vanity,
And makes him softly laugh. He
Don't exist
Who can resist
The potent power called Taffy.

The latest thing out in incubators—the little chick.

Another death from exposure—the embezzler who shot himself when detected.

An elephant always carries a trunk. Can he be called a beast of burden?

The man whose limbs were blown off in a dynamite explosion should be remembered.

Wheat and rye are the only bearded grains. So why do brokers talk of shaving an asset?

Mr. Tilden has declined because he is a septuagenarian. His chances for the Presidency declined long ago. Ah! my countrymen, these be his declining years.

Each thoughtful deed one ever does,
Each smile and kind word given,
Will be for him a little wedge
Between the gates of Heaven.

A sweet singer tells of how "Only a line in a paper" caused the "glow to go out of one young life." It must have been a clothes line that was done up in that paper—a fishing line would never have been strong enough.

It is said that the bottom of the Mississippi River is sliding down. Hundreds of years must elapse ere any very marked result of it can be seen. So what concerns the present generation much more would be to have the bottoms of peach baskets and berry boxes slide down somewhat.

A French philosopher says: "The ideal woman either loves or hates. It is impossible for her to show indifference." That philosopher never stood up in a crowded conveyance and saw the ideal woman occupy double room and gaze unconcernedly out of the window, or he would say "was capable of sometimes showing indifference."

"What kind of medicine do they make out of shad?" asked Tommy.
"None that I know of," said his mother.

Well the paper says, "Shad are a drug in the market in California," and Tommy's mother remarked she guessed "he must have been reading an official report in the 'Druggist's Circular.'"

A New York evening paper makes the following startling announcement: "It is not infrequently that bouquet are sent to girls costing twenty-five or thirty dollars each. Very pretty ones can be bought for seven dollars, but they look mean beside the more expensive ones. But why shouldn't a seven-dollar girl look mean beside a thirty-dollar one anyway."

If Solomon had lived in these days he would have seen something new under the sun. A woman in Connecticut avowed that she was thirty-nine years old. Her middle-aged lover, discovering that she was but twenty-nine, objected to such extreme youth, and married a widow of more mature years. Hence a breach of promise suit which reveals two natural curiosities—a woman who claims more than her rightful age and a man who acknowledges any woman to be too young for him.

Speaking of a prominent pawnbroker, recently deceased in Baltimore, Jones asked Brown the cause of his death.
"He died because he died."
"Yes! but what caused his death?"
"He died."

"So you informed me before," and Jones gave a startled glance at his friends; but seeing no mad glare in his eyes asked again what was the cause of his dying.
"He wanted to marry again, and thought he had to die."
"Do you mean he killed himself?"
"Yes! killed himself—but didn't commit suicide."

Here Jones thought of many sad cases of temporary aberration of mind, and asked Brown if he hadn't better go home and lie down for awhile. But Brown smiled and said the pawnbroker's death hadn't frightened him and he just remembered that his mustache needed dyeing. And the light of reason dawned in Jones' eyes as he stood watching Brown's progress toward the barber shop.

He Wants Reforms by Corporate Reformers.
To the Bloomfield Citizen:

For what purpose was the Reform Club organized? For three weeks the town has been alive with the question of Temperance Reform, and out of it has come an organization known as the Reform Club. Surely the officers (and I might write ninety-nine per cent. of the members) have no necessity to reform, as regards intemperance in drinking. What then is the object for which they have organized? I had supposed it was to make a combined effort to wipe out the unlicensed saloons and prosecute the keepers of the same, and oppose the further granting of license to any persons to keep hotels (so called) and saloons in our village.

That such an effort should be made no one will deny, and a number of moderate drinkers have so expressed themselves to your correspondent.

The reading of the article under the title of "Too Many Gin Mills" in your last issue has rather unsettled me as to the object for which a Reform Club should exist.

To quote, "The call is thus directly made upon a Township Committee to investigate both the fact and its remedy." Again, "More than this, we ought also to look to the Township Committee for the strict enforcement of the laws against the renewal of licenses," and again, "We do not propose to dictate to our Township Committee," but then goes on and offers some advice.
The spirit of the article is all right, the

mistake is in calling upon the Township Committee to take the initiative in a matter which does not belong to them by law, or the broadest rules of implication.

I here assert that the initiative step should be made by the Reform Club; it comes within the scope of their organization. The old adage is, "In union there is strength." For years—even back to the days of the "Gazette," and later on the "Record," and to the present TAX CITIZENS, we find some one calling on the Township Committee to step in, when in every case it was the duty of the citizen (a citizen of Bloomfield, not THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN) himself to take the lead, and not to play the coward and call upon some one else to go to the front.

It is the duty of the writer of the article above referred to; it is my duty, and every citizen's duty when he is possessed of facts that will lead to the indictment of a person breaking the law, to make complaint before the proper authorities, and not attempt to shove the task upon another, and especially so upon those who in their corporate capacity have no knowledge of the facts.

The powers and duties of our Township Committee are but little understood if the above is an example of what their duties are supposed to be. Having served in that position I assert that the duties of the Township Committee are the spending of the amount voted at the spring election, auditing and ordering bills for the same paid. Nothing more, unless it may be by power granted by statutory legislation, which we have in Bloomfield, extending to sidewalks, gas and water contracts and freights.

EX-TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN.

A Primary School House Wanted in the West End.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:
Acting under the recommendation of the Trustees, the Central District have decided to build a school house on Liberty Street. Some nine or ten years ago the need of a primary school, to be located west of the railroad, was presented at the Annual School Meeting, and the claims of that part of the District were so far recognized that a committee was appointed to procure a site for the building of a primary school house. From some cause the further consideration of this subject has been dropped, and so far as my memory serves me, without any official explanation.

These questions arise: If the necessity for a school existed at that time, does it not still exist? Does an increased ratio of children decrease the necessity of school facilities? It does if the action of the Trustees is capable of a business construction.

Several times the question has been asked at school meetings as to the number of children residing in West End who are liable to attend the primary department. I have never yet heard the answer. Mr. Root kindly furnished me once the number in attendance. I now offer this suggestion to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees: That when taking the census under Sect. 36, Title Schools, Revision of 1877, he will inquire how many of the children within the school age (five to eighteen) would be in attendance in the primary department, if attending, in the following district, known as West End: railroad on the east, Montclair line on the west, and Second River on the south.

With the knowledge gained, under the above suggestion, I am satisfied that even the Trustees will agree that we have been unjustly crowded out in the location of the new building.

Republican District Convention.

The Convention of this Congressional District was held in Newark, Wednesday afternoon. Messrs. Riker of Clinton, and Lehlbach of Newark were chosen as Delegates to the National Convention, and Messrs. Hubbell and Theberath Alternates. A resolution was passed, requesting the delegates to conform to the views of the majority at the Presidential Convention.

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